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In re Application of

Eugene M. LEE

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Examiner: Jonathan P. Ouellette

For: FEE TRANSACTION SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ACQUISITION AND/OR MAINTENANCE**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Copies of the cited references are submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this IDS should not be construed as a representation that a search had been made or that information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 (b), or that any cited document listed or attached is (or constitutes) prior art. Unless otherwise indicated, the date of publication indicated for an item is taken from the face of the item, and Applicant reserves the right to prove that the date of publication is in fact different.

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Please note that three of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 forms were cited by the Examiner in related patent application Serial Nos. 09/875,943 and 09/875,954, both filed June 8, 2001. Since the Examiner did not provide copies of these references, and since Applicant is not required to affirmatively discover references, Applicant is unable to submit them in the present application. Applicant submits herewith a copy of each of the Notices of References Cited from the related applications, which list these references. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and initial these references.

The fee of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication and to credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

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